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For: SYSTEM FOR DETECTING BACTERIA IN BLOOD, BLOOD
PRODUCTS, AND FLUIDS OF TISSUES

Examiner: Unassigned

Group Art Unit: 1641

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Applicant and his legal representatives hereby make of record on the attached PTO Form-1449 the following publications which are known to them and considered warranting disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. Copies of each of these publications are enclosed.

Applicant states under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1) that the publications were cited in an International Search Report issued in connection with a counterpart Patent Cooperation Treaty application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement. Some publications have already been disclosed in this application and therefore, copies are not included. Also enclosed is a copy of the Search Report for the Examiner's review.

It is respectfully requested that the information disclosed herein be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and that the publications be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom. In this regard, it is requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with the next Patent Office Communication.

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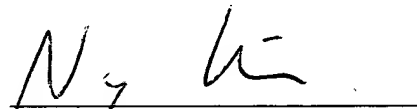
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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits and is therefore submitted as both timely and proper; therefore, no fees are believed to be due. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0219.

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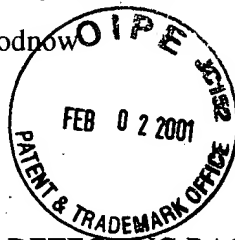
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- 1.) Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, including:
 - a.) Form PTO-1449;
 - b.) 4 Publications;
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- 3.) Return Postcard.

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